

**SOLDIERS' HONOR  
FIGHTING POET**

Bronze Circlet Was Presented to d'Annunzio.

**SUPPORTED THE ALLIES**

Here is a Writer and Orator Who Not Only Urged His People to Fight But Who Also Took Part in the Battles Himself on Behalf of Democracy.

"WOLVES OF Tuscany, my whole soul thrills at your splendid deeds," said the poet-soldier d'Annunzio at the distribution of medals for valor to a brigade of Tuscany, the soldiers whereof have been nicknamed "Wolves" after distinguishing themselves in the Carso by conquering what were considered inaccessible heights. What gave the ceremony an unusual character was the presentation to the poet by the brigade of a bronze circlet, ornamented with gold laurel leaves, in the centre whereof was the silver halberd crest of Trieste. This circlet was given to d'Annunzio in memory of the incident which happened during the conquest of one



**GABRIELE D'ANNUNZIO.**  
of the mountains in the Carso. During the attack an Austrian shell fell between him and Major Randaccio, commanding the Tuscans, without exploding. The latter ordered the bronze circlet surrounding the shell to be removed and presented to the

poet in memory of his escape. The soldiers of the Tuscany brigade clubbed together to have the circlet ornamented with gold laurel leaves. In the next fight Randaccio fell heroically. The poet d'Annunzio has himself been one of the most picturesque figures in the war. When the pro-German element was still powerful in Italy, it was d'Annunzio who preached his doctrine to his fellow-countrymen on behalf of the allies. He told them that Italy would have to be on the side of democracy, and he denounced the politicians who wished to barter their country's soul for a little material advantage. After the declaration of war, he entered the flying service, and took part in a number of raids over Austrian territory. He was severely wounded, and the report that he is now able to take part in ceremonies may be taken as an indication that he has fully recovered.

**PARIS AGAIN UNDER FIRE**  
By Courier Leased Wire  
Paris, May 31.—Although the British Government had promised not to carry out air raids yesterday—the Feast of Corpus Christi—on German cities which are not in the vicinity of the front, the German bombers again resumed their bombardment of Paris Wednesday evening. The firing began at an earlier hour than is usual.

**LULL IN FRANCE**  
With the British army in France, May 30.—By the Associated Press—Last night produced no big infantry action along the British front in Flanders. By a minor operation west of Morris the British advanced a section of their line about 200 yards. Beyond this there was little to report.

**ENGINE JUMPED TRACK**  
By Courier Leased Wire  
Benton Harbor, Mich., May 29.—Three members of the crew of a freight and passenger train on the Buchanan branch of the Pere Marquette were killed and a score of passengers injured when the engine jumped the track and fell over an embankment just west of Buchanan late yesterday.

**U. S. WAR EXPENSES**  
By Courier Leased Wire  
Washington, May 31.—The United States war expenses for the present month will total \$1,517,575,000—approximately one billion dollars more than the expenses for carrying on the war during May, 1917—according to estimates of the Treasury Department, made public to-day. While loans to the Allies for this month total practically the same as the loans of a year ago, the other expenses show a large increase. Revenues have more than kept pace proportionately with expenses, however, according to figures which do not include receipts from Liberty loans, war savings and like sources. In May, 1917, the regular revenues of the government amounted to \$197,532,000, while the estimated revenues for the month ending to-day are placed at \$650,000,000.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Lesson 9—Second Quarter, June 2, 1918.

**THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES**

Text of the Lesson, Mark 14:1-9—Memory Verses, Mark 14:8, 9—Golden Text, Mark 13:13—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

We will first consider the anointing at Bethany of our lesson verses, and then come back to the wonderful words of chapter 13. Comparing vs. 1 with John 12:1, there seems to be a difficulty in deciding just when this anointing took place, but the event itself is the important thing rather than the time of the event. We may have to wait to find out the time as well as who Simon the leper was, and his relation to the Bethany household. It is more important to notice that they made him a supper and Martha served, and Lazarus, whom he raised from the dead, was at the table with him, and Mary anointed him beforehand for his burial; and in these three we see a resurrection life, restful service and true worship which is always costly. As in the incident of the widow's mites, we see the difference between God's estimate and man's, but the disciples called that a waste which the Lord Jesus said was a good work wrought on him. If only he approves what we do, it should not concern us what others think or say. I believe that not one of his followers understood him or knew him as Mary of Bethany did, for none of the disciples believed his oft repeated saying that he would be cruelly put to death and rise again the third day, and the other women, though they loved him, did not believe in his resurrection until after he was risen, and expected to find a dead body to anoint on the third day. Mary sat at his feet and heard his words and received them, and knowing that a cruel death at the hands of his enemies would prevent her or anyone from lovingly anointing his dead body, prepared the ointment and watched for the opportunity, and he granted it to her. How highly honored were Joseph and Nicodemus to be permitted actually to handle and anoint his dead body. How happy we will be if it shall be said of us that we did what we could. Let us remember II Tim. 2:15; Gal. 1:10.

Now as to chapter 13, and the parallel accounts in Matt. 24 and Luke 21, the disciples tried to call his attention to the buildings of the temple, the costly stones and the adornings; but he said that these buildings would all be thrown down, and not one stone left upon another. We do well to consider these sayings, for it seems as if we had come to the time of the beginning of sorrows according to verses 7, 8. Four of them came to him privately as he sat upon the Mount of Olives, and asked him to tell them when these things would be fulfilled, and what would be the sign of his coming and of the end of the age. We must consider his replies in the light of the then approaching destruction of Jerusalem as a foreshadowing of the age we are now approaching. The far-off as well as the near were equally clear to him, for he declares the end from the beginning (Isa. 46:10), and two thousand years are to him as two days (II Pet. 3:8). He said that the whole age of the rejection of him and his kingdom would be characterized by wars and rumors of wars, plagues, pestilence, famines, earthquakes, with increasing intensity at the end, and so it has been all the way along, and we have surely come to the beginning of the end, and it may be nearly three years to the end time. (May, 1917.) We have come at least to the beginning of a time of distress of nations with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things that are coming on the earth (Luke 21:25, 26); but we are not yet come to the great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world, nor ever shall be, for immediately after that tribulation the Son of Man shall come in his glory to set up his kingdom on earth. (Matt. 24:21, 29, 30.) Before that great tribulation the church of this age shall have been completed and gone to meet the Lord in the air, for when he shall come in his glory we shall come with him (Col. 3:4; I John 3:1, 2). According to the book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ in chapters 4 and 5 the church has gone to be with him, then from chapters 6 to 18 is the account of the great tribulation period, after which in chapter 19 we come back with him to judge the nations and to reign with him. Let us lay to heart his words, "Take heed lest any man receive you; take ye heed, behold I have foretold you all things; take ye heed, watch and pray; for ye know not when the time is." (Mark 13:5, 23, 33.) In verse 30 we learn that Israel shall continue till all these things be fulfilled; neither his words nor his people can pass away and all his words shall be fulfilled (Luke 24:44). From verse 34 we learn that in his absence he has given to every man his work, and at his coming for us, when we meet him in the air, at the judgment seat of Christ we must give account of our stewardship, and our works will either be approved and rewarded, or burned up and we suffer loss (I Cor. 3:11-15; I Tim. 4:25).

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People with strong constitutions escape most of the minor ills that make life miserable for others. Don't you, envy the friend who does not know what a headache is, whose digestion is perfect, and who sleeps soundly at night? How far do you come from this description? Have you ever made an earnest effort to strengthen your constitution, to build up your system, to ward off discomfort and disease? Unless you have an organic disease it is generally possible to so improve your physical condition that perfect health will be yours. The first thing to be done is to build up your blood as poor blood is the source of physical weakness. To build up the blood Dr. Williams' Pink Pills is just the medicine you need. Every dose helps to make new blood which reaches every nerve and every part of the body, bringing color to the cheeks, brightness to the eyes, a steadiness to the hands, a good appetite and splendid energy. Thousands throughout the country whose condition once made them despair owe their present good health to this medicine. If you are one of the weak and ailing give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a fair trial and note the daily gain in new health and abounding vitality. Among those who have proved the truth of these statements is Mrs. Fred Goslin, R. R. No. 2, Ruhven, Ont., who says:—"A few years ago I underwent an operation for a fibroid tumor. I had been ailing so long that I did not gain as the doctors said I should. I was in such a run-down condition that they said I would take me a very long time to recover. But instead of gaining, I was growing weaker, and the doctor said I must go back to the hospital. I did not want to do this, and having often heard of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as a strength builder I decided to try them. I was greatly surprised at the help I received from them. In three months I was able to go about, and our home doctor expressed his astonishment as he had not expected me to recover, believing pernicious anemia had set in. It took me about a year to recover my full strength, but ever since I have been doing my own housework, and have to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills the praise for my present state of good health."

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**NEW LIBERAL CANDIDATE**

By Courier Leased Wire.

Moosejaw, Sask., May 30.—Hon. W. E. Knowles, the newly appointed Provincial Secretary in the Martin Government was the unanimous choice of the Liberals of Moosejaw City last night as their candidate in the bye-election rendered necessary by the elevation of W. B. Willoughby, former opposition leader, to the Senate.

**ELIMINATE EULOGIES**

By Courier Leased Wire  
Ottawa, May 31.—Stating in emphatic tones that it would haunt him on his dying bed to think that he was going to be "twisted and turned over and patted on the back at the succeeding annual conference," Rev. F. R. Kelly of Catarqui, appealed to the ministerial meeting of the annual Methodist conference yesterday to abandon the practice of pronouncing eulogies after the reading of the obituary of ministers deceased during the previous year. "Men are dying by thousands," he said, "and yet we adhere to the old custom of spending time saying nice things. It was all very well for our forefathers when they were a little band of warriors fighting together against heavy odds, but it does not belong to the present day." The discussion arose out of the fact that the late Dr. J. E. McVittie of this city left a written request that no eulogy be pronounced after the reading of his obituary. It was finally resolved by the meeting to respect his wish, but to pronounce the eulogy in other cases.

**THE GREAT ANNUAL MERCHANDISING EVENT "DOUBLE THE BUSINESS IN JUNE"** which was such an unequalled success last year commences to-morrow, Saturday, at E. B. Crompton & Co. From present indications and the interest manifested, this year promises to far eclipse the business done a year ago. Certainly the firm have spared no effort in planning to make this event one of the most successful of their whole history.

Plans Prepared Long Ago. In conversation with one of the firm this morning we understand that preparations for this event have been going on for months. Large purchases of standard merchandise have been made at prices much under the market and these special lots have been reserved for this occasion. Then from a great reserve stock of over seventy-five thousand dollars purchased long before the heavy advances took place a constant flow of bright new goods will be appearing from day to day as the goods are sold.

Undoubtedly the month of June will prove a busy one for this progressive firm and from the present trend of prices which are certainly on the up-go, it will no doubt be the part of wisdom for everyone to fill their requirements for some time to come.

The whole interesting story is contained on pages 10 and 11 of to-day's issue.

**GREAT LAKES STEAMSHIP SERVICE**

Canadian Pacific Steamship "Mar-toba" now leaves Owen Sound 10:30 p.m. each Thursday for Sault Ste. Marie, Port Arthur and Fort William. Steamships Keewatin and Assiniboia will sail from Port McNicoll Wednesday and Saturday.

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